

REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20-22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 34, 37, 40, 42 and 45-51 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 23, 24, 27, 31-33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 43 and 44 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 47-51 have been newly added. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the Amendment.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 34, 37, 40, 42, 45 and 46 are allowed, and claim 23 includes allowable subject matter.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 48 are dependent upon allowed claim 34, and thus the Applicants submit that claims 2, 3, 6, 7 and 48 are also allowable.

Claims 9, 10, 13, 14 and 49 are dependent upon allowed claim 37, and thus the Applicants submit that claims 9, 10, 13, 14 and 49 are also allowable.

Claims 16, 17, 20, 21 and 50 are dependent upon allowed claim 40, and thus the Applicants submit that claims 16, 17, 20, 21 and 50 are also allowable.

Claim 22 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 23, and claim 47 is dependent upon claim 42. Thus, the Applicants submit that claims 22 and 47 are allowable.

Claims 25, 26, 29, 30 and 51 are dependent upon allowed claim 45, and thus the Applicants submit that claims 25, 26, 29, 30 and 51 are also allowable.

Conclusion

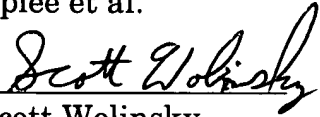
If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20-22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 34, 37, 40, 42 and 45-51, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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